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Regional Board initiates program for more local control of instruction

A major alteration in the instructional supervision policy of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Clark, was given its first boost on July 5 when the district's Board of Education approved a pilot program to start phasing in the changes for the 1983-1984 school year.

The main purpose of the proposed change is to give the four district high school principals complete authority for supervision of instruction via a system of local building department-supervisors instead of district-wide co-ordinators who report to a director of instruction.

In addition, a district-wide instructional council, chaired by the superintendent of schools, will ensure the curriculum is the same for all four high schools, reports a Board spokesman. The following changes will be made for 1983-1984 with continuation of the proposed changes beyond 1983-1984 depending on the evaluation of the first

year's operation: Direct supervision of instructional programs and staff in art and music, the school nurse and the instructional media centers will be assigned to the assistant principals in addition to their regular duties; a pilot program in the Mathematics Dept. will be developed in which supervision will be provided by four department-supervisors instead of a district-wide co-ordinator with the retirement of the co-ordinator; the job description and functions for the position of department-supervisor will be developed; the responsibilities and duties of the

director of instruction will be modified so direct line authority over instructional supervisors is removed. This position will be altered with a major focus to be on curriculum co-ordination, and the district co-ordinators will be re-located into the various schools and come under the direct supervision of the principal of the building in which they are located.

In other action, the Board: --Approved the listing of the calendar, the courses, the instructors and accompanying stipends for the fall, 1983 term of the Regional Adult School.

--Okayed the submission of an application to the State Dept. of Education for \$15,040 in funding for an adult education director and evening schools for the foreign born.

--Gave its permission for the hiring of four instructors for English for the Foreign Born at a total stipend of \$6,422, 50% state reimbursable; a director, six instructors and an aide for Adult Basic Education at a total stipend of \$20,872.50, 100% state reimbursable; a director, seven instructors and a secretary for High School Completion for a total stipend of \$21,491.92, 100% state reimbursable; and a director, five instructors, two aides, and two secretaries for Adult High School at a total stipend of \$30,570, budgeted by the school body.

--Approved the acceptance of a tuition student from Cranford, Jodi Kaufman, as an 11th grader at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark in the Community Services Home Economics Vocational Program.

--Authorized the continuation of the district's Basic Skills Improvement Program and submission of applications for \$138,598 in state and federal funding for the program.

--Okayed the placement of six students in out-of-district special education programs.

--Gave its permission for Thomas Baker, co-ordinator of computer operations, and Thomas McCarthy of Computer Solutions, Inc. to conduct a three-day workshop toward the end of August from 9 a.m. to noon to familiarize staff members with a new computer system the district has obtained, and for Joseph Hubert of Johnson to attend the workshop.

--Approved an increase in the work schedule of Mrs. Dorothy Lang to 100% full-time and to adjust her salary to \$10,753, effective on July 6 of this year. Mrs. Lang is the secretary for Peter Lanzi and Gerald Denney in the district's business office.

--Authorized the rescinding of the appointment of Mr. Hubert as a painter of the district summer maintenance staff so the business education teacher will be able to participate in the computer workshop.

--Accepted the retirement of Mrs. Josephine Noyes as a keypunch operator at the township school.

--Accepted the retirement of Mrs. Evelyn Bleeke as vocal music teacher at the Clark school.

--Authorized the employment of Regina Hostovsky in a summer workshop in foreign language. Joseph Cerchiario, Maura Gannett, Alice Johansen and Cynthia Manto in a summer workshop for curriculum development for the auditorily-handicapped; Joanne Devlin, Marci Einzig, Stacey Kries, Susan LaPrete, Katharine Mahwinney and Deborah Reo in a summer workshop on instructional materials for the auditorily-handicapped and Diane Verlangeri, Betty Ruffley, Anita Williams and Cheryl Sarnowski in a summer workshop for the Basic Skills Improvement Program.

--Okayed the hiring of 40 summer school personnel.

--Approved 1983-1984 athletic official fee schedules for the Mountain Valley Conference in football, cross country, soccer, basketball, wrestling, swimming, baseball, softball, track, field hockey and gymnastics and for the Watchung Conference in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, track, volleyball, wrestling and the officials themselves.

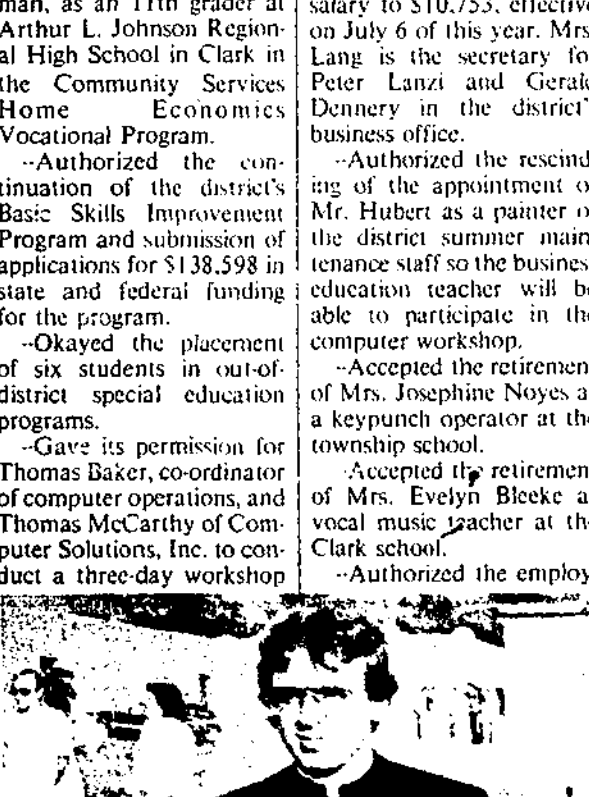
--Awarded a \$13,222 contract to American Tennis and Track, Inc. for tennis court re-surfacing at Johnson.



HERALDING THE GRADUATES - The members of the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Band of Clark play during graduation ceremonies on June 23.



FINAL LESSON - A teacher at Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Susan Dougherty, left, gives instructions to students before the school's graduation on June 23.



SETTING THE TONE - The Rev. Robert W. Kunze of St. Agnes R. C. Church in Clark goes to the podium to make the invocation address at Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School graduation on June 23.

Federal grants outlined for area

Union County Manager Arthur J. Crisi and Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee chairman, Raymond Handerman of Rahway, announced the county's ninth year Community Development Grant Program has been submitted to the Newark office of the United States Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

The county plans to use the \$5,164,000 grant, plus \$236,000 of re-programmed funds from previous years, for 95 projects which benefit low-to-moderate income people residing in the 19 participating Union County municipalities.

Elizabeth and Union receive direct grants; all other municipalities in Union County participate in this

"urban county" block grant. There are 22 projects relating to housing rehabilitation, housing counseling and commercial rehabilitation, for a total amount of \$2,834,800.

Housing rehabilitation and counseling projects are located in Plainfield, Linden, Cranford, Rahway, Roselle, Hillside and Westfield.

Additional housing rehabilitation assistance is available to low-income owners through the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Rehabilitation Program, located at 382 Springfield Ave., Summit, N. J. 07901.

Commercial-improvement programs are targeted to specific areas in Hillside, Rahway, Linden, Roselle, Fanwood and Summit.

Projects geared to providing handicapped access to public buildings are located in Clark, Garwood, Mountainside and Winfield.

Projects preserving existing facilities important to the welfare of low-income residents are located in Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Summit and Westfield. With

\$554,000 having been allocated to all facility projects. In an effort to prevent blighting influences by preserving essential community services, \$1,000,000 has been allocated for public improvements in Hillside, Roselle, Rahway, Winfield, Kenilworth, Garwood, Cranford, Linden, Scotch Plains, Roselle Park, New Providence and Westfield.

The Union County Economic Development Corp. has been funded for the amount of \$170,000 to stimulate private investment and community revitalization.

DiFrancesco bill backs job training

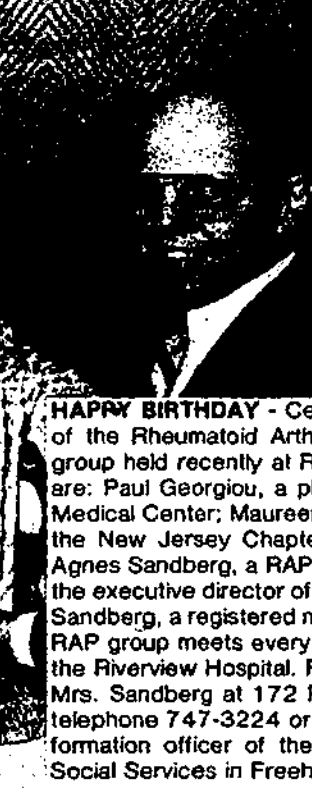
Thousands of unemployed New Jersey residents would receive job training under a bill sponsored by Senate Minority Leader Donald T. DiFrancesco, who represents Clark, that received final legislative approval June 27.

The \$4 million training program for long-term unemployed and underemployed is the cornerstone of a bi-partisan package to address unemployment in the state. We spent months developing this program," Sen. DiFrancesco said. "This program will prepare workers for guaranteed jobs in the private sector with business paying part of the cost. It represents a partnership between government and industry in easing unemployment."

Sen. DiFrancesco's bill was merged with one sponsored by Democratic Assemblyman John Paul Doyle of Ocean County. The senate minority leader said, "Under this bill, on-the-job training or classroom instruction will be provided depending on individual needs. It is aimed at providing job opportunities for the long-term unemployed, those who lost their jobs because of plant closings and the economically disadvantaged."

Businesses would pay at least 25% of the cost of training workers. When on-the-job training is involved, employers would pay half the cost.

"This legislation combined with the federal job training program will provide new hope and job opportunities for many of the more than 200,000 New Jerseyans out of work. It will put unemployed residents back to work in secure jobs with promising futures," said the senator.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Celebrating the sixth anniversary of the Rheumatoid Arthritis Progress (RAP) self-help group held recently at Riverview Hospital, left to right, are: Paul Georgiou, a physical therapist at Monmouth Medical Center; Maureen Connors, the area director of the New Jersey Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation; Agnes Sandberg, a RAP leader, and J. Clyde Branson, the executive director of the New Jersey Chapter. Mrs. Sandberg, a registered nurse, is an arthritis patient. The RAP group meets every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Riverview Hospital. For information, please contact Mrs. Sandberg at 172 Riveredge Dr., Tinton Falls, or telephone 747-3224 or Jane McCosker, the public information officer of the Monmouth County Board of Social Services in Freehold at 431-6094.



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Inside - Osceola marks 40th William Wheeler named chairman

The vice president and auditor of United Counties Trust Co.'s Linden office, William C. Wheeler, was named chairman of the New Jersey Bankers Assn.'s Business Development and Supervisory Schools Committee.

The bank has an office in Clark.

--Approved the addition of \$1,540 to the 1983 contract with Kent for one additional bus for summer school from Clark to and from David Brantley Regional High School in Kenilworth.

--Because of the regional district's inability to receive bids for 37 non-public school transportation routes for 1983-1984 advised the parents of the students involved they would have to pay for the services on their own, and that they would be eligible for up to \$369.64 in reimbursement from state funds received for this purpose by the district.

--Gave its permission for the transfer of \$198,236 in current expense funds in the 1982-1983 school budget to accounts for bus drivers' salaries and new instructional equipment.

--Adopted the following tuition rates for 1983-1984: Regular, \$4,750; resource room, \$5,800; trainable at Johnson, \$7,000; emotionally disturbed at Johnson, \$9,000.

--Authorized the expenditure of \$2,747.94 from the 1982-1983 budgetary reserve to cover student body activity deficits at the township school.